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IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES

JANUARY 4, 1995

Mr. HATFIELD submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the
Committee on Governmental Affairs

RESOLUTION

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Whereas Federal, State and local governments are dealing with increasingly complex problems which require the delivery of many kinds of social services at all levels of government;

Whereas historically, Federal programs have addressed the Nation's problems by providing categorical assistance

with detailed requirements relating to the use of funds which are often delivered by State and local governments;

Whereas although the current approach is one method of service delivery, a number of problems exist in the current intergovernmental structure that impede effective delivery of vital services by State and local governments;

Whereas it is more important than ever to provide programs that respond flexibly to the needs of the Nation's States and communities, reduce the barriers between programs that impede Federal, State and local governments' ability to effectively deliver services, encourage the Nation's Federal, State and local governments to be innovative in creating programs that meet the unique needs of the people in their communities while continuing to address national goals, and improve the accountability of all levels of government by better measuring government performance and better meeting the needs of service recipients;

Whereas the State and local governments of Oregon have proposed a pilot project, called the Oregon Option, that would utilize strategic planning and performance-based management that may provide the new models for intergovernmental social service delivery;

Whereas the Oregon Option is a prototype of a new intergovernmental relations system, and it has the potential to completely transform the relationships among Federal, State and local governments by creating a system of intergovernmental service delivery and funding that is based on measurable performance, customer satisfaction, prevention, flexibility, and service integration; and

Whereas the Oregon Option has the potential to dramatically improve the quality of Federal, State and local services to Oregonians: Now, therefore, be it

1 *Resolved*, That it is the sense of the Senate that the
2 Oregon Option project has the potential to improve inter-
3 governmental service delivery by shifting accountability
4 from compliance to performance results and the Federal
5 Government should continue in its partnership with the
6 State and local governments of Oregon to fully implement
7 the Oregon Option.